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E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: COURIER SERVICE ACROSS JORDAN RIVER

REF: TEL AVIV 3009

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED INSURANCE COVERAGE (AND IS HOLDING CERTIFICATE) OF AMMAN VEHICLE CD-44 FOR APRIL 24-25 COURIER RUN WITH ISRAELI FIRM, EHUD INSURANCE CO, WHICH IS INSURER OF THE EMBASSY' S VEHICLES. REQUEST AMMAN ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY APRIL 24 IF BACKUP VEHICLE BEING SUBSTITUTED, SO THAT WE MAY NOTIFY EHUD. NEXT WEEK EHUD WILL DIVISE NEW POLICY FOR ONGOING COVERAGE OF WEEKLY VISITS OF EITHER CD-44 AND CD-571, WITHOUT NEED FOR US TO IDENTIFY VEHICLE EACH TIME.

2. MFA AT EMBASSY' S REQUEST HAS NOW INVESTIGATED QUESTION OF BRIDGE CLOSURES ON ISRAELI SIDE BECAUSE OF ISRAELI HOLIDAYS AND EVES OF ISRAELI HOLIDAYS. DURING BALANCE OF CALENDAR 1973, BRIDGE WILL DEFINITELY BE CLOSED ALL DAY OR AFTERNOONS OF FOLLOWING TUESDAYS AND/ OR WEDNESDAYS:

- A. TUESDAY JUNE 5 - CLOSES ABOUT NOON
- B. WEDNESDAY JUNE 6 - CLOSED
- C. WEDNESDAY SEPT 26 - CLOSES ABOUT NOON
- D. WEDNESDAY OCT 10 - CLOSES ABOUT NOON.

3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS, THERE ARE MANY JEWISH SPECIAL DAYS WHICH ARE OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOI
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EMPLOYEES. MFA SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH ISRAELI MILITARY AT BRIDGE
LACK CLEAR CUT POLICY ON WHETHER BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED FOR
OCCASIONAL JEWISH SPECIAL DAYS, IT HAS NOT BEEN CLOSING ON
SUCH DAYS IN PAST. WE SUGGEST AS PRECAUTION THAT COURIER EACH
WEEK INQUIRE AT BRIDGE ABOUT ISRAELI SCHEDULE FOR FOLLOWING
WEEK.

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